**ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION – CAUSE AND EFFECT ANALYSIS ESSAY**

For this assignment, you are asked to expose a social problem, issue, phenomenon, or trend, explain its causes and effects, and offer some practical suggestions for change. Support your ideas with relevant examples, facts, statistics, or other types of evidence.

You should have a minimum of 3 sources (books, on-line database articles, newspaper articles, etc.) listed on your reference page. Use the APA guideline to document your sources properly in your reference list and parenthetical citations (in-text citation).

* Your paper will be graded out of 100 points.
* This task constitutes 20% of your overall grade!
* Word count: 1100 words (minus or plus 50 words)
* Paragraph number: 5-6 paragraphs
* Before writing your essay, make an outline that shows the general organization of your essay.
* Make sure your essay contains a thesis statement in the introduction, that the body paragraphs follow logically from the thesis statement and from one another, and that you have an effective conclusion.
* You can use the grading rubric on i-learn as a checklist.

**TOPICS**

Looking forward to reading your suggestion on the discussion board. These are some tentative topic suggestions:

* What are the causes and effects of gender inequality in education, business, sports or any other field? (Narrow the question)
* What are the causes and effects of stigma around mental health?
* What are the causes and effects of obsession with luxury brands among the youth?
* What are the causes and effects of obsession with perfectionism among the youth?
* What are the causes and effects of increasing rates of cheating (plagiarism or other forms of violation of academic integrity) in higher education in the UAE?
* What are the causes and effects of increasing popularity of veganism as a trend?

**Some IMPORTANT POINTS to keep in mind:**

1. Show that the causes and effects you’ve suggested are highly probable and backed by evidence.
2. This is not solely an opinion paper. You must research the topic and present a well-informed, well-written, logically sound argument.
3. Remember, you cannot fully explain **all** the possible causes or effects of your topic. Just analyze the ones you feel are the **most** significant, using research and reasoning.
4. Using research and reasoning, pinpoint the **most serious** cause for your problem; explain your choice.
5. Offer some **realistic, practical** suggestions for change in your conclusion.

**NOTES:**

1. As always, take care with spelling, grammar, other mechanics, organization, and tone.
2. Choose your words carefully, making sure that you seem credible, thoughtful, and reasonable.
3. Use bias-free language and an academic style.

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION TO SAFEASSIGNMENT:**

Deadline: March 26, Wednesday, by class time. Make sure to submit the following ***in one Word document*** in the order below:

1. Cover page
2. The final outline
3. The final essay
4. Self evaluation\*

\*A self evaluation must include the following: a brief description of the challenges you faced in this assignment; an assessment of the paper’s strengths and weaknesses, including the grade you would give the paper; acknowledgment of all assistance you received in writing the paper - peer evaluations, conference discussions with me, proofreading by your classmate, help from the writing center, etc. There is no word limit.

**FORMAT EXPECTATIONS**

•        All papers should be submitted with a cover page and outline.
•        Create: A running head with the title of the essay. A running head is a shorter version of your title; not an entirely different one. It should be placed at the top left corner of your paper and appear in all pages.
•        Title: Centered, main words capitalized, not underlined or bolded, no quotation marks
•        Indent: using TAB at the beginning of each paragraph. Do not leave gaps between paragraphs.
•        Double-space everything, including quotations and the works cited page.
•        Use only the 12-font, Times New Roman for all papers.
•        Leave one-inch margins at top, bottom, and on the right and left sides of each page. (Default Office Settings)
•        Number all the pages.
•        Proofread your paper couple of times. Make sure it does not include any grammar, spelling and punctuation errors. Using grammarly.com could be helpful.
•        Grades will be lowered on papers if proper citation is not used. Please familiarize yourself with the
APA Style Guideline and learn to use it effectively.
•        Word count: Must be recorded at the end of the essay

GOOD LUCK!

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